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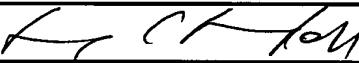
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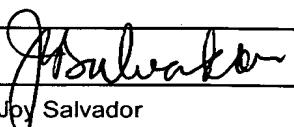
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SATOSHI OSHIMA et al.

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The Petition has not been entered according to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR).

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Petition and issuance of a first Office Action at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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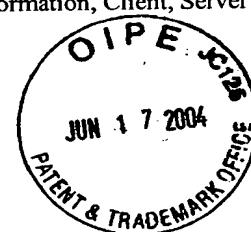
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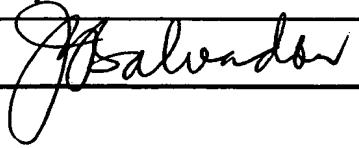
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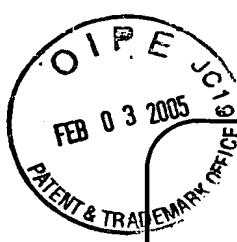
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Sir:

This is a petition to make special the above-identified application under MPEP § 708.02, VIII & 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The application has not received any examination by an Examiner.

(a) The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee of \$130 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) and any other fees associated with this paper to Deposit Account 20-1430.

(b) All the claims are believed to be directed to a single invention. If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, then Applicants will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

(c) Pre-examination searches were made of U.S. issued patents, including a classification search, a computer database search, and a keyword search. The searches were performed on or around April 30, 2004. The classification search covered Classes 709 (subclass 220) and 713 (subclasses 165, 168, and 200), and was conducted by a professional search firm, Kramer & Amado, P.C. The computer database search was conducted on the USPTO systems EAST and WEST. The keyword search was conducted in Classes 709 (subclasses 223 and 232) and 713 (subclasses 193 and 201).

(d) The following references, copies of which are attached herewith, are deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0025346 A1;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0126441 A1;
- (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0157016 A1;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,453,418 B1;
- (5) International Patent Publication No. WO 03/029940A2.

(e) Set forth below is a detailed discussion of references which points out with particularly how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

A. Claimed Embodiments of the Present Invention

The claimed embodiments relate to a method and system for updating security information which is stored in a storage device of a server that is managed by a client. The client is a "diskless client" that does not include a local disk device. The security information in the storage device of the server is updated by a management computer connected to the server. One benefit is that the security information can be updated even when the operation of the client is halted.

Independent claim 1 recites a method for updating information on security, in which a client is connected with a server through a network. The server includes a storage device that is managed by the client. The storage device stores security information. The

method comprises updating the security information stored in the storage device that the client manages in the server.

Independent claim 8 recites a client connected to a server through a network. The server includes a storage device. The client comprises a unit managing the storage in the server. The storage device stores security information. The security information is updated without operation of the client. The client further comprises a unit referencing the security information.

Independent claim 14 recites a server connected to a client through a network. The server comprises a unit communicating with the client through the network; and a storage device that is managed by the client. The storage device stores security information to be updated.

Independent claim 21 recites a management computer connected through a network to a server. The server includes a storage device that is managed by a client. The storage device stores security information of the client. The management computer comprises a unit communicating with the server through the network; and a unit updating the security information of the client.

B. Discussion of the References

1. U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0025346 A1

This reference discloses security management and audit of a business information system in accordance with an information security policy. The security management system for controlling the security status of each of a plurality of managed systems includes a plurality of management sections corresponding to at least one managed system and the information security policy. Each management section controls the security status of the managed system corresponding thereto so as to adjust the security status to the information security policy corresponding thereto. A database 133 is provided for registering a correspondence of the information security policy. The management and audit program corresponding to a range of the information security policy and the object system, which are designated by an operator, is retrieved and automatically executed. The management and audit program performs a management and audit concerning an information security policy of an object system corresponding to itself. As shown in Fig. 1, an information security policy

management and audit support apparatus 31 and management and audit object computers 32 are connected to each other through a network 33.

The reference is directed to a security management system for controlling the security status of each of a plurality of managed systems. The reference does not disclose updating security information stored in the storage device of a server that is managed by a client. Nor does it disclose a diskless client or a management computer that updates the security information.

2. U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0126441 A1

This reference discloses a single authentication for a plurality of services in a computing environment. When a first service of a plurality of related services is accessed, the user requesting access is provided with a security token that can be used by the user to access any one of the plurality of services on subsequent accesses. The user only needs to provide its authentication information once to access any number of related services. This eliminates the need for multiple log-ins for multiple uses of a plurality of services, thereby increasing speed and efficiency and reducing time and effort. In the embodiment shown, the user inputs the authentication information for transmission to the server 204 which, in response, verifies the information for the client 202. The session manager 236 of the server 204 evaluates whether the authentication is successful. If so, the session manager 236 establishes a session 232 and generates a security token for transmission to the client 202. The client 202 receives the security token for maintenance and subsequent use.

The reference is directed to a single authentication for a plurality of services. The reference does not disclose updating security information stored in the storage device of a server that is managed by a client. Nor does it disclose a diskless client or a management computer that updates the security information.

3. U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0157016 A1

This reference discloses a method and apparatus for data security for a distributed file system. Fig. 1 shows the interaction between client applications 108a, 108b and the distributed file system in opening files named "foo" and "bar." The client application 108a uses the distribution file system interface 104a to open foo. The open file request is transmitted to the meta-data server 102, which generates an encryption key. The security object, along with the open file request, is transmitted to the storage server 106 as shown by

the ellipse 124. The security object includes a file identifier, encryption key, and a permission code that is associated with the client application. The security key is passed between components because the keys are created collaboratively, and the components will use them to decrypt the information. A block storage server 106 receives the security object and generates a list of blocks in the referenced file. The block list generally includes enough information for the block server to locate the data in subsequent requests from the client application, and the specific information is implementation dependent. The block list is then encrypted using the encryption key in the security object and is stored in the security object, and the updated security object is returned to the meta-data server 102, as shown in the ellipse 126. The meta-data server 102 returns the security object to the distributed file system interface 104a as shown by the ellipse 128. The distributed file system interface 104a returns a status code to the client application 108a. See [0024]-[0025].

The reference relates to data security provided in a distributed file system to avoid enforcing security at the file level. The reference does not teach updating security information stored in the storage device of a server that is managed by a client. Nor does it teach a diskless client or a management computer that updates the security information.

4. U.S. Patent No. 6,453,418 B1

This reference discloses an information accessing method that permits the user data belonging to a client-server system 100 to be accessed by a user belonging to another client-server system 500 under proper security, and that controls the permission for accessing the user data according to the security ranks of the user whose data is to be accessed and the user who wants to access the data. When a client unit 20 issues a request for accessing the user data of the user belonging to the other client-server system, the request for access is sent to an ID conversion unit 15 through a user ID management unit 12. The ID conversion unit operates to convert a user ID into a guest ID by referring to an ID conversion table 440, and then sends the request for access to a user ID management unit 52. The user ID management unit makes sure that the guest ID is registered by referring to the user ID table. The request for access is sent to the user data management unit through security check units, so that the while or the open portion of the user data specified on the user data is allowed to be accessed. See column 5, line 35 to column 6, line 27.

The reference relates to the use of ID conversion and ID management to provide access by a user of one client-server system to data in another client-server system. The reference fails to disclose updating security information stored in the storage device of a server that is managed by a client. It also fails to disclose a diskless client and a management computer that updates the security information.

5. International Patent Publication No. WO 03/029940A2

This reference discloses a master policy server 101 that manages security policies for client computers 115-117, 119-121, 123-125 through a network of local policy servers 103 (managing clients 115-117), 105 (managing clients 119-121), 107 (managing clients 123-125). Each local policy server is responsible for the security policies on a group of clients and maintains a data store containing the security policies and security information pertaining to the client. Periodically, the master policy server and the local policy server synchronize, at which time the master policy server replicates updated policies to the local policy servers and the local policy servers upload client security statistics to the master policy server for consolidation into a global status. A local policy server may also request an updated security policy outside of the synchronization time frame. Similarly, the master policy server may request the client statistics from a local policy server outside of the synchronization time frame.

The reference relates to a master policy server that manages security policies through a network of local policy servers via periodic updates. The reference does not teach updating security information stored in the storage device of a server that is managed by a client. Nor does it teach a diskless client or a management computer that updates the security information.

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(f) In view of this petition, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a first Office Action at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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